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Introduced by Sen. FUSCHILLO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the penal law, in relation to promoting understanding, awareness and enforcement of animal crimes laws; and to repeal sections 351, 353, 353-a, 353-b, 353-d, 355, 361, 362 and subdivision 8 of section 374 of the agriculture and markets law relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 350 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. "ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSE" MEANS ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE OR OF ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW, OR ANY OTHER UNLAWFUL ACT BY WHICH HARM IS INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY, RECKLESSLY OR NEGLIGENTLY CAUSED OR PERMITTED TO OCCUR TO AN ANIMAL.

S 2. Sections 351, 353, 353-a, 353-b, 353-d, 355, 361 and 362 of the agriculture and markets law are REPEALED.

S 3. Section 359 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 1047 of the laws of 1965, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 84 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

S 359. [Carrying animal in a cruel manner] UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS. [1. A person who carries or causes to be carried in or upon any vessel or vehicle or otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhuman manner, or so as to produce torture, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

2.] A railway corporation, or an owner, agent, consignee, or person in charge of any horses, sheep, cattle, or swine, in the course of, or for transportation, who confines, or causes or suffers the same to be confined, in cars for a longer period than twenty-eight consecutive hours, or thirty-six consecutive hours where consent is given in the manner hereinafter provided, without unloading for rest, water and feeding, during five consecutive hours, unless prevented by storm or inevi-

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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table accident, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The consent which will extend the period from twenty-eight to thirty-six hours shall be given by the owner, or by person in custody of a particular shipment, by a writing separate and apart from any printed bill of lading or other railroad form. In estimating such confinement, the time during which the animals have been confined without rest, on connecting roads from which they are received, must be computed.

S 4. Section 365 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

S 365. Clipping or cutting the ears of dogs. 1. Whoever clips or cuts off or causes or procures another to clip or cut off the whole or any part of an ear of any dog unless an anaesthetic shall have been given to the dog and the operation performed by a licensed veterinarian, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

2. [The provisions of this section shall not apply to any dog or person who is the owner or possessor of any dog whose ear or a part thereof has been clipped or cut off prior to September first, nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

3.] Each applicant for a dog license must state on such application whether any ear of the dog for which he applies for such license has been cut off wholly or in part.

[4.] 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as preventing any dog whose ear or ears shall have been clipped or cut off wholly or in part, not in violation of this section, from being imported into the state exclusively for breeding purposes.

S 5. Section 369 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

S 369. Interference with officers. Any person who shall interfere with or obstruct any constable or police officer or any officer or agent of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the discharge of his duty to enforce the laws relating to animals, INCLUDING THOSE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

S 6. Section 371 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by chapter 573 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

S 371. Powers of peace officers. A constable or police officer must, and any agent or officer of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may issue an appearance ticket pursuant to section 150.20 of the criminal procedure law, summon or arrest, and bring before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction, any person offending against any of the provisions of article twenty-six of the agriculture and markets law OR ANY PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE PENAL LAW. Any officer or agent of any of said societies may lawfully interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty upon any animal in his presence. Any of said societies may prefer a complaint before any court, tribunal or magistrate having jurisdiction, for the violation of any law relating to or affecting animals and may aid in presenting the law and facts before such court, tribunal or magistrate in any proceeding taken.

S 7. Subdivision 8 of section 374 of the agriculture and markets law is REPEALED.

S 8. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 380 to read as follows:

S 380. SPECIAL SENTENCING PROVISIONS. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW, A COURT MAY IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES UPON A CONVICTION FOR ANY ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSE:

1. THE CONVICTED PERSON MAY, AFTER A DULY HELD HEARING PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, BE ORDERED BY THE COURT TO FORFEIT, TO A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR AUTHORIZED AGENTS THEREOF, THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION. UPON SUCH AN ORDER OF FORFEITURE, THE CONVICTED PERSON SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE RELINQUISHED ALL RIGHTS TO THE ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, EXCEPT THOSE GRANTED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

2. IN THE CASE OF FARM ANIMALS, THE COURT MAY, IN ADDITION TO THE FORFEITURE TO A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR AUTHORIZED AGENTS THEREOF, AND SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF SECTIONS THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE, ORDER THE FARM ANIMALS WHICH WERE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION TO BE SOLD. IN NO CASE SHALL FARM ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION BE REDEEMED BY THE CONVICTED PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER OF FORFEITURE OR BY ANY PERSON DWELLING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WHO CONSPIRED, AIDED OR ABETTED IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR WHO KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE UNLAWFUL ACT. THE COURT SHALL REIMBURSE THE CONVICTED PERSON AND ANY DULY DETERMINED INTERESTED PERSONS, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, ANY MONEY EARNED BY THE SALE OF THE FARM ANIMALS LESS ANY COSTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VETERINARY AND CUSTODIAL CARE, AND ANY FINES OR PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE COURT. THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT THE SUBJECT ANIMALS BE PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE CARE AND TREATMENT PENDING THE HEARING AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGES. ANY FARM ANIMAL ORDERED FORFEITED BUT NOT SOLD SHALL BE REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY AND CHARGE OF A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT THEREOF AND DISPOSED OF PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

3. THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT THE CONVICTED PERSON OR ANY PERSON DWELLING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WHO CONSPIRED, AIDED OR ABETTED IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR WHO KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE UNLAWFUL ACT, SHALL NOT OWN, HARBOR, OR HAVE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF ANY OTHER ANIMALS, OTHER THAN FARM ANIMALS, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WHICH THE COURT DEEMS REASONABLE. IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION OF WHAT PERIOD OF TIME IS REASONABLE, THE COURT SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE IT AND BE BOUND TO NO SINGLE FACTOR. SUCH ORDER MUST BE IN WRITING AND SPECIFICALLY STATE THE PERIOD OF TIME IMPOSED.

4. NO DOG OR CAT IN THE CUSTODY OF A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR ITS AUTHORIZED AGENTS THEREOF, OR A POUND OR SHELTER, SHALL BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTATION OR TESTING. NO AUTHORIZED AGENT OF A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, NOR OF A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY, SHALL USE ANY ANIMAL PLACED IN ITS CUSTODY BY THE DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTATION OR TESTING.

5. A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY IN CHARGE OF ANIMALS FORFEITED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OR TWO OF THIS SECTION MAY, IN ITS

DISCRETION, LAWFULLY AND WITHOUT LIABILITY, ADOPT THEM TO INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE CONVICTED PERSON OR PERSON DWELLING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WHO CONSPIRED, AIDED OR ABETTED IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR WHO KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE UNLAWFUL ACT, OR HUMANELY DISPOSE OF THEM.

6. (A) PRIOR TO AN ORDER OF FORFEITURE OF FARM ANIMALS, A HEARING SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF CONVICTION TO DETERMINE THE PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE FARM ANIMALS WHICH WERE THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION. WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE SERVED AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING UPON ALL INTERESTED PERSONS. IN ADDITION, NOTICE SHALL BE MADE BY PUBLICATION IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL MEAN ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, JOINT STOCK COMPANY, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, TRUST, ESTATE, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY WHO THE COURT DETERMINES MAY HAVE A PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE FARM ANIMALS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE FORFEITURE ACTION.

(B) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY AT THE HEARING TO REDEEM THEIR INTEREST AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT IN THE SUBJECT FARM ANIMALS AND TO PURCHASE THE INTEREST OF THE CONVICTED PERSON. THE CONVICTED PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE REIMBURSED HIS OR HER INTEREST IN THE FARM ANIMALS, LESS ANY COSTS, FINES OR PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE COURT, AS SPECIFIED UNDER SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION. IN NO CASE SHALL THE COURT AWARD CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE ANIMALS TO ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO CONSPIRED, AIDED OR ABETTED IN THE UNLAWFUL ACT WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CONVICTION, OR WHO KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE UNLAWFUL ACT.

7. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT IN ANY WAY THE RIGHTS OF A SECURED PARTY HAVING A SECURITY INTEREST IN ANY FARM ANIMAL DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION. THIS SECTION EXPRESSLY DOES NOT IMPAIR OR SUBORDINATE THE RIGHTS OF SUCH A SECURED LENDER HAVING A SECURITY INTEREST IN FARM ANIMALS OR IN THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF SUCH FARM ANIMALS.

S 9. The penal law is amended by adding a new title Q to read as follows:

TITLE Q

OFFENSES AGAINST ANIMALS

ARTICLE 280

OFFENSES AGAINST ANIMALS

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S 280.00 DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS ARTICLE:

1. "ANIMAL" INCLUDES EVERY LIVING CREATURE EXCEPT A HUMAN BEING.

2. "TORTURE" OR "CRUELTY" INCLUDES EVERY ACT, OMISSION, OR NEGLECT, WHEREBY UNJUSTIFIABLE PHYSICAL PAIN, SUFFERING OR DEATH IS CAUSED OR PERMITTED.

3. "AGGRAVATED CRUELTY" SHALL MEAN CONDUCT THAT IS INTENDED TO CAUSE EXTREME PHYSICAL PAIN, CONDUCT THAT IS DONE OR CARRIED OUT IN A DEPRAVED OR SADISTIC MANNER, OR CONDUCT WHICH CAUSES A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM.

4. "ADOPTION" MEANS THE DELIVERY OF ANY ANIMAL, SEIZED OR SURRENDERED, TO ANY NATURAL PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF HARBORING SUCH ANIMAL AS A PET.

5. "FARM ANIMAL" MEANS ANY UNGULATE, POULTRY, SPECIES OF CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, LLAMAS, HORSES OR FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 11-1907 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, WHICH ARE RAISED FOR COMMERCIAL OR SUBSISTENCE PURPOSES. "FUR-BEARING ANIMAL" SHALL NOT INCLUDE DOGS OR CATS.

6. "COMPANION ANIMAL" OR "PET" MEANS ANY DOG OR CAT, AND SHALL ALSO MEAN ANY OTHER DOMESTICATED ANIMAL NORMALLY MAINTAINED IN OR NEAR THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE OWNER OR PERSON WHO CARES FOR SUCH OTHER DOMESTICATED ANIMAL. "PET" OR "COMPANION ANIMAL" SHALL NOT INCLUDE A "FARM ANIMAL" AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION.

7. "ANIMAL FIGHTING" SHALL MEAN ANY FIGHT BETWEEN COCKS OR OTHER BIRDS, OR BETWEEN DOGS, BULLS, BEARS OR ANY OTHER ANIMALS, OR BETWEEN ANY SUCH ANIMAL AND A PERSON OR PERSONS, EXCEPT IN EXHIBITIONS OF A KIND COMMONLY FEATURED AT RODEOS.

8. "ABANDONS" MEANS ANY ACTION TAKEN THAT REFLECTS WILLFUL DEPARTURE FROM THE OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL, WITHOUT MAKING ADEQUATE PROVISIONS FOR THE ANIMAL'S FUTURE CARE.

9. "RESTRAIN" MEANS TO RESTRICT AN ANIMAL'S MOVEMENTS INTENTIONALLY AND UNLAWFULLY IN SUCH MANNER AS TO INTERFERE SUBSTANTIALLY WITH ITS LIBERTY BY MOVING IT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, OR BY CONFINING IT EITHER IN THE PLACE WHERE THE RESTRICTION COMMENCES OR IN A PLACE TO WHICH IT HAS BEEN MOVED, WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE RESTRICTION IS UNLAWFUL.

10. "ABDUCT" MEANS TO RESTRAIN AN ANIMAL WITH INTENT TO PREVENT ITS LIBERATION BY SECRETING OR HOLDING IT IN A PLACE WHERE IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE FOUND.

S 280.05 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON:

1. OWNS, POSSESSES, OR KEEPS ANY ANIMAL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

2. PAYS AN ADMISSION FEE, MAKES A WAGER, OR IS OTHERWISE PRESENT AT ANY PLACE WHERE AN EXHIBITION OF ANIMAL FIGHTING IS BEING CONDUCTED, AND SUCH PERSON HAS KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH AN EXHIBITION IS BEING CONDUCTED.

PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR, OR BY A FINE, OR BY BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT. IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE FINE SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN

THOUSAND DOLLARS. IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, THE FINE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

S 280.10 PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OR PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON:

1. INTENTIONALLY CAUSES AN ANIMAL TO ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

2. TRAINS AN ANIMAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

3. BREEDS, SELLS OR OFFERS FOR SALE AN ANIMAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING; OR

4. PERMITS ANY ACT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE, TWO OR THREE OF THIS SECTION TO OCCUR ON PREMISES UNDER HIS OR HER CONTROL; OR

5. OWNS, POSSESSES OR KEEPS ANY ANIMAL TRAINED TO ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING ON PREMISES WHERE AN EXHIBITION OF ANIMAL FIGHTING IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN INTENT THAT SUCH ANIMAL ENGAGE IN ANIMAL FIGHTING.

PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A FELONY, PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FOUR YEARS, OR BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BY BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

S 280.20 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN:

1. HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL, SUCH PERSON KNOWINGLY:

(A) DEPRIVES SUCH ANIMAL OF FOOD, DRINK, VETERINARY CARE, OR SHELTER ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND COMFORT; OR CAUSES, PROCURES, OR PERMITS SUCH ANIMAL TO BE DEPRIVED OF FOOD, DRINK, VETERINARY CARE, OR SHELTER ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND COMFORT; OR

(B) ABANDONS SUCH ANIMAL, OR LEAVES AN ANIMAL TO DIE IN A STREET, ROAD OR PUBLIC PLACE, OR WHO ALLOWS AN ANIMAL, IF IT BECOMES DISABLED, TO LIE IN A PUBLIC STREET, ROAD OR PUBLIC PLACE; OR

2. REGARDLESS OF OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY, SUCH PERSON KNOWINGLY:

(A) OVERDRIVES, OVERLOADS, TORTURES, OR BEATS ANY ANIMAL, OR CAUSES, PROCURES, OR PERMITS ANY ANIMAL TO BE OVERDRIVEN, OVERLOADED, TORTURED, OR BEATEN; OR

(B) UNJUSTIFIABLY INJURES, MAIMS, MUTILATES, OR KILLS ANY ANIMAL, OR CAUSES, PROCURES, OR PERMITS ANY ANIMAL TO BE UNJUSTIFIABLY INJURED, MAIMED, MUTILATED, OR KILLED; OR

(C) CARRIES OR CAUSES TO BE CARRIED ANY ANIMAL IN A CRUEL AND INHUMANE MANNER, OR SO AS TO PRODUCE TORTURE; OR

(D) ENGAGES IN, OR IN ANY WAY FURTHERS ANY ACT OF CRUELTY TO ANY ANIMAL, OR ANY ACT TENDING TO PRODUCE SUCH CRUELTY; OR

(E) UNJUSTIFIABLY ADMINISTERS ANY POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS DRUG OR SUBSTANCE TO AN ANIMAL, OTHER THAN A HORSE, MULE OR DOMESTIC CATTLE, OR UNJUSTIFIABLY EXPOSES ANY SUCH DRUG OR SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT THAT SUCH SHALL BE TAKEN BY AN ANIMAL OTHER THAN HORSE, MULE, OR DOMESTIC CATTLE.

NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR INTERFERE WITH ANY PROPERLY CONDUCTED SCIENTIFIC TESTS, EXPERIMENTS, OR INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF LIVING ANIMALS, PERFORMED OR CONDUCTED IN LABORATORIES OR INSTITUTIONS, WHICH ARE APPROVED FOR THESE PURPOSES BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL PRESCRIBE THE RULES UNDER WHICH SUCH APPROVALS SHALL BE GRANTED, INCLUDING THEREIN STANDARDS REGARDING THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF ANY SUCH ANIMALS. SUCH RULES SHALL BE PUBLISHED AND COPIES THEREOF CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN EACH

SUCH LABORATORY OR INSTITUTION. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OR HIS OR HER DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO INSPECT SUCH LABORATORIES OR INSTITUTIONS TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH RULES AND STANDARDS. EACH SUCH APPROVAL MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SUCH RULES AND IN ANY CASE THE APPROVAL SHALL BE LIMITED TO A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR.

ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

S 280.25 ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN, HAVING NO JUSTIFIABLE PURPOSE, SUCH PERSON:

1. INTENTIONALLY KILLS OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSES SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO A COMPANION ANIMAL; OR

2. KNOWINGLY INSTIGATES, ENGAGES IN, OR IN ANY WAY FURTHERS AN ACT OF AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANY ANIMAL; OR

3. ADMINISTERS ANY POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS DRUG OR SUBSTANCE TO A HORSE, MULE, OR DOMESTIC CATTLE OR EXPOSES ANY SUCH DRUG OR SUBSTANCE TO THE ANIMAL WITH THE INTENT THAT THE ANIMAL TAKE THE SAME, REGARDLESS OF THE ANIMAL'S OWNERSHIP; OR

4. COMMITS THE CRIME OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE AND HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED, WITHIN THE PRECEDING TEN YEARS, OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH ANYONE LAWFULLY ENGAGED IN HUNTING, TRAPPING, OR FISHING, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE ELEVEN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, THE DISPATCH OF RABID OR DISEASED ANIMALS, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, OR THE DISPATCH OF ANIMALS POSING A THREAT TO HUMAN SAFETY OR OTHER ANIMALS, WHERE SUCH ACTION IS OTHERWISE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED, OR ANY PROPERLY CONDUCTED SCIENTIFIC TESTS, EXPERIMENTS, OR INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF LIVING ANIMALS, PERFORMED OR CONDUCTED IN LABORATORIES OR INSTITUTIONS APPROVED FOR SUCH PURPOSES BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO SECTION 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE.

ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

S 280.26 ABANDONMENT OF AN ANIMAL; DEFENSE.

IN A PROSECUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF AN ANIMAL OR PET, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE, BASED UPON AN ALLEGED DESERTION OF AN ANIMAL OR PET, WITH AN INTENT TO WHOLLY ABANDON SUCH PET OR ANIMAL, IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THAT, WITH THE INTENT THAT THE ANIMAL OR PET BE SAFE FROM PHYSICAL INJURY AND CARED FOR IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER, THE DEFENDANT LEFT THE ANIMAL OR PET WITH AN APPROPRIATE PERSON OR IN A SUITABLE LOCATION AND PROMPTLY NOTIFIED AN APPROPRIATE PERSON OF SUCH ANIMAL OR PET'S LOCATION.

S 280.30 UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH DOMESTIC ANIMALS USED FOR RACING, BREEDING, OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED OR STAMINA.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH DOMESTIC ANIMALS USED FOR RACING, BREEDING, OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED, OR STAMINA WHEN, REGARDLESS OF OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY, SUCH PERSON:

1. COMMITS THE CRIME OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 280.20 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND SUCH ANIMAL IS A HORSE, MULE, DOG, OR ANY DOMESTIC ANIMAL USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF RACING, BREEDING OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED, OR STAMINA; OR

2. INTERFERES WITH, INJURES, DESTROYS, OR TAMPERS WITH ANY HORSE, MULE, DOG, OR ANY DOMESTIC ANIMAL USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF RACING, BREEDING, OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED, OR STAMINA.

UNLAWFUL DEALING WITH DOMESTIC ANIMALS USED FOR RACING, BREEDING OR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL, BREED OR STAMINA IS A CLASS E FELONY.

S 280.35 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS WHEN, WITH THE INTENT TO CAUSE INJURY TO AN ANIMAL, OR RECKLESSLY CREATING A RISK THEREOF, SUCH PERSON:

1. CREATES A HAZARDOUS OR PHYSICALLY OFFENSIVE CONDITION FOR ANY ANIMAL BY ANY ACT THAT SERVES NO LEGITIMATE PURPOSE; OR

2. THROWS, DROPS OR PLACES, OR CAUSES TO BE THROWN, DROPPED OR PLACED IN A PUBLIC PLACE, A SUBSTANCE THAT MIGHT WOUND, DISABLE, OR INJURE ANY ANIMAL.

ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS IS A VIOLATION.

S 280.40 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON RESTRAINS A COMPANION ANIMAL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL.

ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE THIRD DEGREE IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.

S 280.45 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON ABDUCTS A COMPANION ANIMAL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL.

ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

S 280.50 ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN SUCH PERSON ABDUCTS OR RESTRAINS A COMPANION ANIMAL WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL, AND WHEN:

1. SUCH PERSON'S INTENT IS TO COMPEL THE PAYMENT OR DELIVERANCE OF MONEY OR PROPERTY AS RANSOM, OR TO ENGAGE IN OTHER PARTICULAR CONDUCT, OR TO REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING IN PARTICULAR CONDUCT; OR

2. SUCH PERSON CAUSES PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE COMPANION ANIMAL; OR

3. THE COMPANION ANIMAL DIES DURING THE ABDUCTION OR BEFORE IT IS ABLE TO RETURN OR BE RETURNED TO SAFETY. SUCH DEATH SHALL BE PRESUMED FROM EVIDENCE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL DID NOT SEE THE ANIMAL FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE ABDUCTION AND PRIOR TO TRIAL AND RECEIVED NO RELIABLE INFORMATION DURING SUCH PERIOD PERSUASIVELY INDICATING THAT SUCH ANIMAL WAS ALIVE.

ANIMAL ABDUCTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

S 280.55 UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF ANIMAL PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF RESTRAINT AND ABDUCTION.

THE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A COMPANION ANIMAL BY ANY PERSON WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARE, CONTROL, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OVER SAID COMPANION ANIMAL, FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING TEN DAYS, WITHOUT NOTIFYING EITHER SAID INDIVIDUAL, THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES, OR THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE POLICE LOCATED IN ALBANY, NEW YORK, OF SUCH POSSESSION, SHALL BE PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF RESTRAINT AND ABDUCTION.

S 280.60 APPROPRIATE SHELTER FOR DOGS LEFT OUTDOORS.

1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

(A) "PHYSICAL CONDITION" SHALL INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS OF A DOG DUE TO DISEASE, ILLNESS, INJURY, AGE OR BREED ABOUT WHICH THE OWNER OR PERSON WITH CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE DOG SHOULD REASONABLY BE AWARE.

(B) "INCLEMENT WEATHER" SHALL MEAN WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT ARE LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE DOG, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RAIN, SLEET, ICE, SNOW, WIND, OR EXTREME HEAT AND COLD.

(C) "DOGS THAT ARE LEFT OUTDOORS" SHALL MEAN DOGS THAT ARE OUTDOORS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER WITHOUT READY ACCESS TO, OR THE ABILITY TO ENTER, A HOUSE, APARTMENT BUILDING, OFFICE BUILDING, OR ANY OTHER PERMANENT STRUCTURE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.

2. (A) ANY PERSON WHO OWNS OR HAS CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A DOG THAT IS LEFT OUTDOORS SHALL PROVIDE IT WITH SHELTER APPROPRIATE TO ITS BREED, PHYSICAL CONDITION AND CLIMATE. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE. BEGINNING SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER A CHARGE OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION, EACH DAY THAT A DEFENDANT FAILS TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE DOG SHELTER FOR A DOG THAT HE OR SHE OWNS OR THAT IS IN HIS OR HER CUSTODY OR CONTROL AND THAT IS LEFT OUTDOORS, SO AS TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(B) THE COURT MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ANY FINE IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION BY THE AMOUNT WHICH THE DEFENDANT PROVES HE OR SHE HAS SPENT PROVIDING A DOG SHELTER OR REPAIRING AN EXISTING DOG SHELTER SO THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PREVENT THE SEIZURE OF A DOG FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE.

3. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER SHELTER IS APPROPRIATE TO A DOG'S BREED, PHYSICAL CONDITION AND THE CLIMATE SHALL INCLUDE:

(A) FOR DOGS THAT ARE RESTRAINED IN ANY MANNER OUTDOORS, SHADE BY NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL MEANS TO PROTECT THE DOG FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT AT ALL TIMES WHEN EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT IS LIKELY TO THREATEN THE HEALTH OF THE DOG.

(B) FOR ALL DOGS THAT ARE LEFT OUTDOORS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER, A HOUSING FACILITY, WHICH MUST: (1) HAVE A WATERPROOF ROOF; (2) BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND WITH INSULATION APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THE DOG FROM INCLEMENT WEATHER; (3) BE CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW EACH DOG ADEQUATE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT TO MAKE NORMAL POSTURAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO STAND UP, TURN AROUND AND LIE DOWN WITH ITS LIMBS OUTSTRETCHED; AND (4) ALLOW FOR EFFECTIVE REMOVAL OF EXCRETIONS, OTHER WASTE MATERIAL, DIRT AND TRASH. THE HOUSING FACILITY AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING IT SHALL BE REGULARLY CLEANED TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND SANITARY ENVIRONMENT AND TO MINIMIZE HEALTH HAZARDS.

4. INADEQUATE SHELTER MAY BE INDICATED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE HOUSING FACILITY ITSELF, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SIZE, STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS, EVIDENCE OF CROWDING WITHIN THE HOUSING FACILITY, HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING SUCH FACILITY, OR BY THE APPEARANCE OR PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE DOG.

5. UPON A FINDING OF ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, ANY DOG OR DOGS SEIZED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED BY THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OR FORFEITED PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN ONLY UPON PROOF THAT APPROPRIATE SHELTER AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS BEING PROVIDED.

6. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT ANY PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 280.65 CONFINEMENT OF COMPANION ANIMALS IN VEHICLES; EXTREME TEMPERATURES.

1. A PERSON SHALL NOT CONFINE A COMPANION ANIMAL IN A MOTOR VEHICLE IN EXTREME HEAT OR COLD WITHOUT PROPER VENTILATION OR OTHER PROTECTION FROM SUCH EXTREME TEMPERATURES WHERE SUCH CONFINEMENT PLACES THE COMPANION ANIMAL IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY DUE TO EXPOSURE TO SUCH EXTREME HEAT OR COLD.

2. WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH A VEHICLE CANNOT BE PROMPTLY LOCATED, A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, OR PEACE OFFICER ACTING AS AN AGENT OF A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY MAY TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO REMOVE THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS FROM THE VEHICLE.

3. POLICE OFFICERS, PEACE OFFICERS OR PEACE OFFICERS ACTING AS AGENTS OF A DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY REMOVING AN ANIMAL OR ANIMALS FROM A VEHICLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PLACE A WRITTEN NOTICE ON OR IN THE VEHICLE, BEARING THE NAME OF THE OFFICER OR AGENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AND ADDRESS WHERE THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS WILL BE TAKEN.

4. AN ANIMAL OR ANIMALS REMOVED FROM A VEHICLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL, AFTER RECEIPT OF ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY VETERINARY TREATMENT, BE DELIVERED TO THE DULY INCORPORATED HUMANE SOCIETY OR SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, OR DESIGNATED AGENT THEREOF, IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS WERE SEIZED.

5. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES.

6. OFFICERS SHALL NOT BE HELD CRIMINALLY OR CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN REASONABLY AND IN GOOD FAITH IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

7. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT ANY OTHER PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO COMPANION ANIMALS UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 280.70 LEAVING NEW YORK STATE TO AVOID PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

A PERSON WHO LEAVES THIS STATE WITH INTENT TO ELUDE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR TO COMMIT ANY ACT OUT OF THIS STATE WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THEM OR WHO, BEING A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, DOES ANY ACT WITHOUT THIS STATE, PURSUANT TO SUCH INTENT, WHICH WOULD BE PUNISHABLE UNDER SUCH PROVISIONS, IF COMMITTED WITHIN THIS STATE, IS PUNISHABLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF SUCH ACT HAD BEEN COMMITTED WITHIN THIS STATE.

S 280.75 EVIDENTIARY AND IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURES BY MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE SEIZURE, ADOPTION, CARE, DISPOSITION AND DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS BY MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEMBERS OF A DULY INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CHARGED TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE, ANCILLARY TO SUCH ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW AND ARTICLE SIX HUNDRED NINETY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW.

S 280.80 SPECIAL SENTENCING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE.

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW, THE SENTENCING PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 10. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 70.02 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 405 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Class D violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of the class C felonies set forth in paragraph (b); reckless assault of a child as defined in section 120.02, assault in the second degree as defined in section 120.05, menacing a police officer or peace officer as defined in section 120.18, stalking in the first degree, as defined in subdivision one of section 120.60, strangulation in the second degree as defined in section 121.12, rape in the second degree as defined in section 130.30, criminal sexual act in the second degree as defined in section 130.45, sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.65, course of sexual conduct against a child in the second degree as defined in section 130.80, aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree as defined in section 130.66, facilitating a sex offense with a controlled substance as defined in section 130.90, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in subdivision five, six, seven or eight of section 265.02, criminal sale of a firearm in the third degree as defined in section 265.11, intimidating a victim or witness in the second degree as defined in section 215.16, soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism in the second degree as defined in section 490.10, and making a terroristic threat as defined in section 490.20, falsely reporting an incident in the first degree as defined in section 240.60, placing a false bomb or hazardous substance in the first degree as defined in section 240.62, placing a false bomb or hazardous substance in a sports stadium or arena, mass transportation facility or enclosed shopping mall as defined in section 240.63, [and] aggravated unpermitted use of indoor pyrotechnics in the first degree as defined in section 405.18, AND ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 280.25.

S 11. Section 195.06 of the penal law, as added by chapter 42 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

S 195.06 Killing or injuring a police animal.

A person is guilty of killing or injuring a police animal when such person intentionally kills or injures any animal while such animal is in the performance of its duties and under the supervision of a police or peace officer.

Killing or injuring a police animal is a class [A misdemeanor] D FELONY.

S 12. Section 195.11 of the penal law, as added by chapter 344 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

S 195.11 Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the second degree.

A person is guilty of harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the second degree when such person intentionally causes physical injury to such animal while it is in the performance of aiding a person with a disability, and thereby renders such animal incapable of providing such aid to such person, or to another person with a disability.

For purposes of this section and section 195.12 of this article, the term "disability" means "disability" as defined in subdivision twenty-one of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the second degree is a class [B] A misdemeanor.

S 13. Section 195.12 of the penal law, as added by chapter 344 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

S 195.12 Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the first degree.

A person is guilty of harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the first degree when such person:

1. intentionally causes physical injury to such animal while it is in the performance of aiding a person with a disability, and thereby renders such animal permanently incapable of providing such aid to such person, or to another person with a disability; or

2. intentionally kills such animal while it is in the performance of aiding a person with a disability.

Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in the first degree is a class [A misdemeanor] D FELONY.

S 14. Subdivision 2 of section 265.01 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 220 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

(2) He OR SHE possesses any dagger, dangerous knife, dirk, razor, stiletto, imitation pistol, or any other dangerous or deadly instrument or weapon with intent to use the same unlawfully against another PERSON OR ANIMAL; or

S 15. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

S 16. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections nine through fourteen of this act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.